

Lady Lions keep on rolling

Behrend sweeps dual match against Washington and Jefferson and Waynesburg

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The Penn State-Behrend women's volleyball team continue to rack up wins with victories over Washington and Jefferson, Waynesburg, and Hilbert last week.

The Lady Lions won in dual match play over Washington and Jefferson 15-9, 15-13, then later in the evening they defeated Waynesburg 15-8, 15-8. Over the two matches Carrie Grzejka paced the attack with 14 kills and 6 blocks, while Molly Samuels added 13 kills and 16 digs. Freshman Mitzi Carter and Angela Georg continued their great inaugural season, Carter with 12 kills and 14 digs, while Georg passed out 39 assists.

The team also had a convincing win over Hilbert with scores of 15-5, 15-9, 6-15 and 15-1. Carter lead Behrend

with eight kills, while Samuels and Erin McCormick had six kills each. Georg added 21 assists.

Grzejka, a middle-hitter, was happy to get back to the court after participating in a plastic engineering conference held in Paris, France.

Grzejka said, "The conference was supposed to be in Nov. (after the season), but I had to go. I felt a little slow on the court but now I think I'm back in condition to play well again."

Head Coach Jan Wilson is happy to have her co-captain back in playing condition. "Getting Carrie back is a big lift for us. These last few matches and the Messiah Tournament (at the end of the season) are going to bring out what this team is made of. Having Carrie back only can help us."

With a 22-9 record, the ECAC playoff tournament is in the back of some of the players minds.

Outside-hitter Jen Taylor feels the team has come a long way since the season began. "I think we've really gelled as a team. We just have to stay focused on the court at all times. Everyone on the court has to want to win."

Carter also felt the team has come together through the season. "We're finally coming together because of our defense. I just try to hit the ball in play every time it comes my way."

Coach Wilson agreed with her players comments. "Striving for an ECAC bid is not top priority right now; playing consistent volleyball is. We've lost to some teams in which we should have won. If each player plays to her capabilities we can finish the season strong."

The Lady Lions continue their season at Erie Hall with matches against Bethany College tonight at 7 p.m.

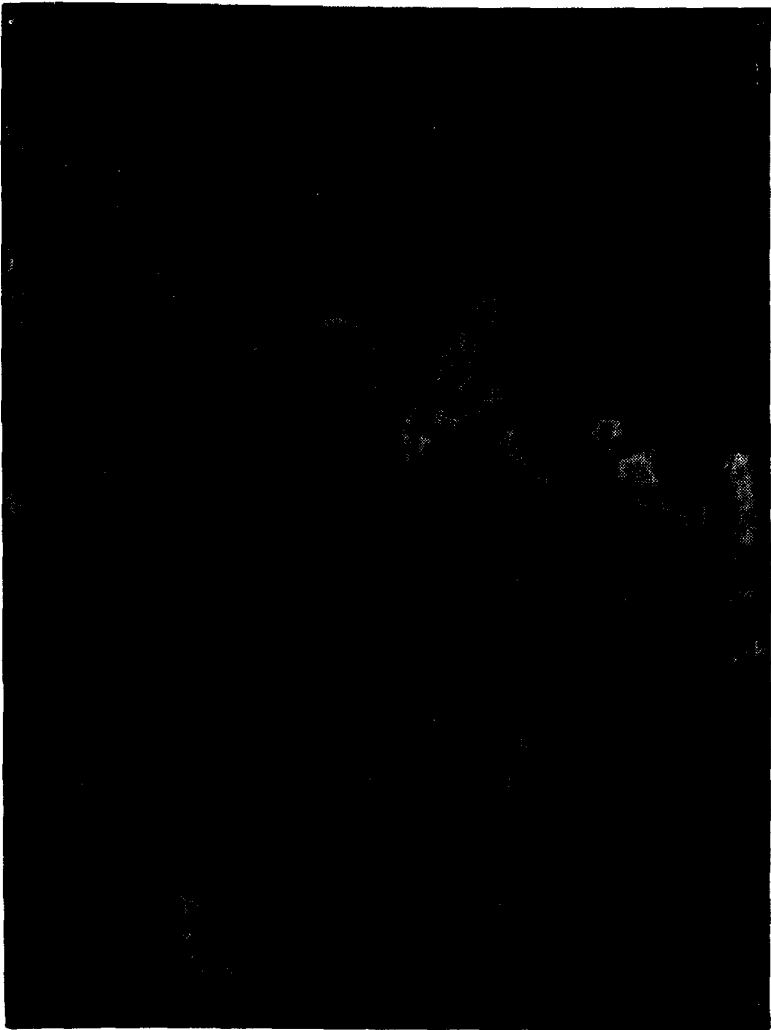


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Dig It: The Lady Lions are having one of their best seasons in recent years and are probably headed to the playoffs.

'94-'95 Panthers ready for big season

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The NHL is on lockout, but if you want to catch some live hockey action you can turn to the Erie Panthers.

The Panthers began their season last night against the two-time defending champion Toledo Storm.

The Erie Panthers are in the East Coast Hockey League. They finished a dismal 27-36-5 last year in the Northern division. The Panthers are one of the two minor league clubs of the New York Rangers.

Led by returning players Vyacheslav Polikarkin, Jason Smith, Vern Guetens, and Andrei Kozlev, the Panthers hope to make this season a success and return to their old winning ways. Of the 18 players on Erie's active rosters, 10 are rookies including four of six defensemen.

Head Coach Ron Hansis, a former hockey standout for Erie, does not want to be sitting around this season watching the playoffs. Therefore, he has assembled a great amount of talent to help stay competitive.

Despite the fact that they have a strong core of players, the biggest deficiency will be an

untested defense and a small front line.

Leading the Panthers' number one line is Scott Burfoot, a former All-American at Mercyhurst College. Burfoot had 31 goals and 65 assists for a remarkable 96 points in 62 games for Huntsville last season.

At right wing this season, Jason Winch will work to make the adjustment from his former center position. Last year, he had 15 goals and 37 assists for the South Carolinian expansion team. Winch was drafted by the Buffalo Sabres in the ninth round in 1990.

Leading the charge on line two

will be Vyacheslav Polikarkin. Polikarkin scored nine goals and notched 16 assists in only 26 games last season.

Specializing in the penalty box this season will be Cam Brown, a 6'1" 190 pound defenseman in his fifth year. Brown is on the injured reserved list, recovering from a broken jaw suffered in the early preseason. Last year Brown had an unprecedented 218 penalty minutes in only 36 games.

The reminder for the Panthers will be Francis Ouellette, a 5'10" 190 pound Canadian with four years of pro experience. In 41 games last season Ouellette was 16-15-7 with a 4.27 goals against

average. In 1993 Ouellette led the Wheeling Thunderbirds to the ECHL Championship with a 24-7-7 record.

Returning to anchor the defensive line is Panther veteran Jason Smith. Smith played well defensively with a steady plus/minus ratio.

The Panthers will travel to Wheeling on Thursday.

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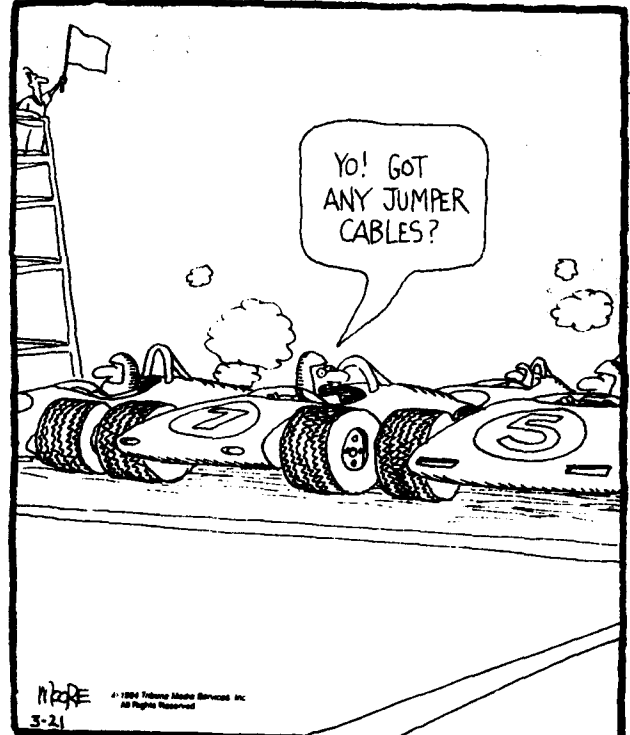
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